

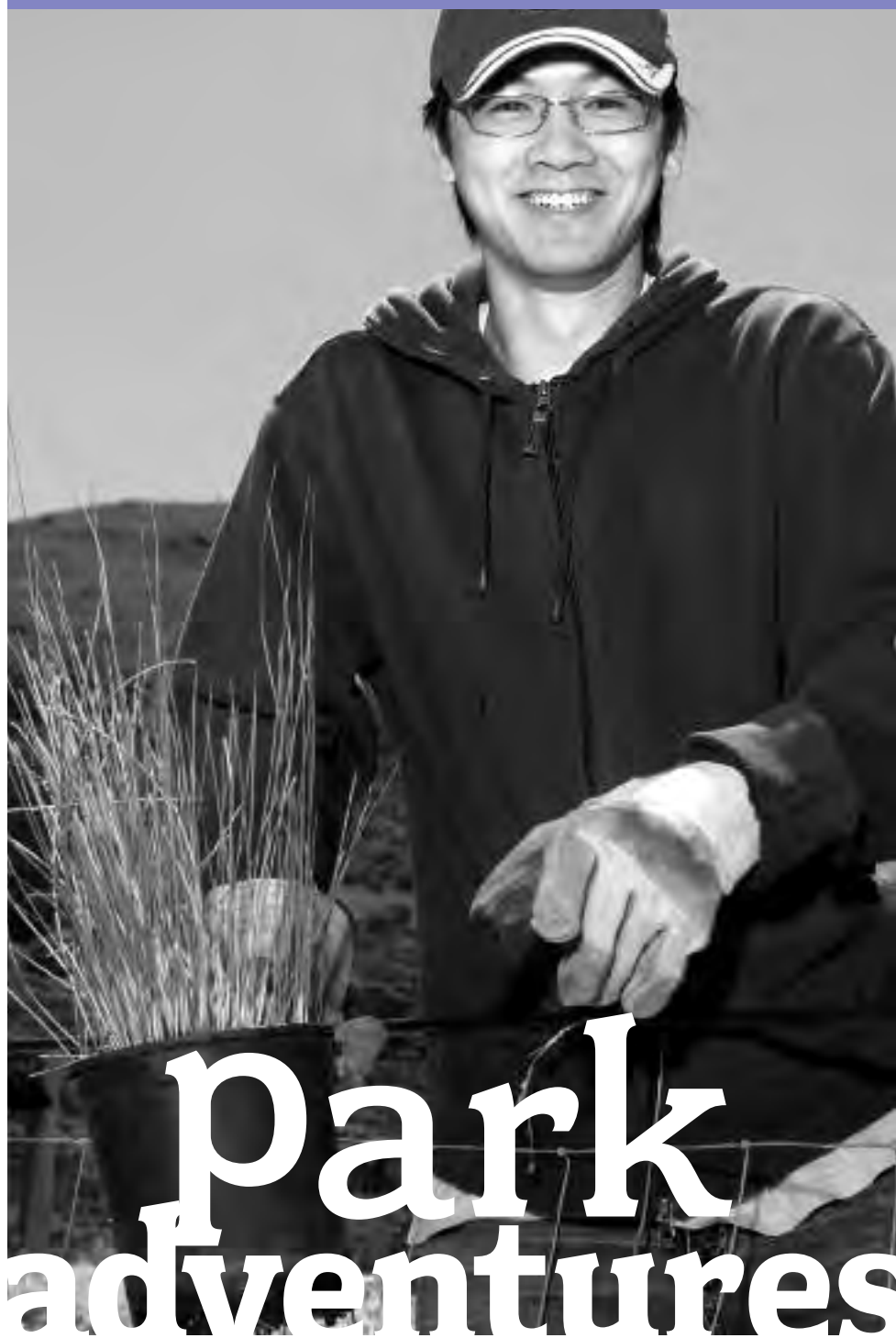
GOLDEN GATE  
NATIONAL  
**PARKS**  
CONSERVANCY

PARKS FOR ALL FOREVER™



# SUMMER calendar & events

JUNE, JULY, AUGUST 2012



# park adventures

# P A R K N O T E S

## COMPASS POINTS

### New Tours, Photo Program, Trails Open at the Golden Gate Bridge

This summer, bring your guests to the newly improved south Bridge Plaza, which now features world-class experiences at the world-famous span in the heart of the Golden Gate National Parks.

New guided tours (including the thrilling night tour!) share epic stories of the Golden Gate Bridge's construction and enduring legacy. Gain insights into the Bridge that will enlighten even long-time Bay Area residents! Adult ticket prices start at \$12.95; more information at [www.goldengatebridgetour.com](http://www.goldengatebridgetour.com). The renovated Round House also houses the Bridge Photo Experience, through which visitors can get their photo taken "on the Bridge cable" and "atop the tower!"

While you're at the plaza, don't forget to check out the striking new Bridge Pavilion welcome center, as well as enhanced trails and bikeways. These improvements, completed for the 75th anniversary of the Bridge, were made possible by the Parks Conservancy and Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District, in cooperation with the National Park Service and Presidio Trust.

### New Muir Woods Signs Speak Softly, Carry Important Message

Muir Woods National Monument recently installed signs that highlight the natural soundscape. In an increasingly noisy world, the park has established a quiet refuge in Cathedral Grove, where delegates to the first United Nations met in 1945 to celebrate Franklin Delano Roosevelt and his hope of world peace.

Beautifully illustrated and well-crafted, the signs invite visitors to walk quietly and discover the sounds of the forest. Muir Woods is often cited for its soundscape work by the National Park Service Natural Sounds and Night Skies Division.

### Academy Gives Volunteers, Conservancy Members Inside Look at Parks

Park Academy is offering classes this summer on park topics ranging from insect identification to fern propagation (full listings at [www.parksconservancy.org/learn/park-academy](http://www.parksconservancy.org/learn/park-academy)). These classes—which enhance the skills of park interns, staff, and dedicated volunteers—are offered to Parks Conservancy members as a benefit. To join the Conservancy, call (415) 561-3060 or visit [www.parksconservancy.org/membership](http://www.parksconservancy.org/membership).

## PARKS CONSERVANCY MEMBERS HIKING SERIES



### FOGG SUMMER BBQ

Thursday, June 14, 7 PM

For members of Friends of the Golden Gate, the Parks Conservancy's young professionals membership group: join us for our annual summer barbecue at Crissy Field! For more information about FOGG, how to join, and how to purchase tickets for this event, please visit [www.parksconservancy.org/fogg](http://www.parksconservancy.org/fogg).

### PRESIDIO HISTORY HIKE

Saturday, June 16, 10 AM—NOON

Join National Park Service Historian Stephen Haller for this history hike through the Presidio. We'll walk the San Francisco Bay Trail and the California Coastal Trail to see the historic seacoast. See "Presidio" section for details.

### 360 DEGREES OF PACIFICA

Wednesday, July 18, 9:30 AM—3 PM

Join Ranger George Durgerian for a grand tour of three national park sites in San Mateo County: Milagra Ridge, Sweeney Ridge, and Mori Point. Hear stories of bombs,

bootlegging, bedeviled bulldozers, and more. See "San Mateo County" section for details.

### PRESIDIO NATURE TRAIL HIKE

Saturday, August 18, 10 AM—NOON

Join Damien Raffa of the Presidio Trust for an easy walk exploring native plants and animals. We will also visit El Polín Spring, guided by Presidio Trust archeologist Kari Jones. See "Presidio" section of this book for details.

### How to Sign Up for Member Events

Members Hiking Series events are free and open to Parks Conservancy members. Space is limited and hikes fill up fast. Priority will be given to those who have not attended the hike in the past. Registration is required; call (415) 561-3060 or e-mail [member-ship@parksconservancy.org](mailto:member-ship@parksconservancy.org).

Member events are designated by **M** in this book.

Become a Parks Conservancy member to enjoy these hikes and other great benefits; visit [www.parksconservancy.org/membership](http://www.parksconservancy.org/membership).

# D E S T I N A T I O N

## FORT POINT: 'PRIDE OF THE PACIFIC' AND ICON OF THE GOLDEN GATE, BEFORE THE BRIDGE

**A**FTER YEARS OF POLITICAL POSTURING, public cajoling, legal wrangling, and financial hand-wringing, the path to build the Golden Gate Bridge was finally clear—except for the presence of an imposing brick fortress on its southern end.

Fort Point, strategically located at the entrance to San Francisco Bay, was once considered the "key to the whole Pacific coast." In 1853, construction began on this "Third System" fortification, in the mold of its eastern brethren like Fort Sumter. Featuring seven-foot-thick walls and three tiers of casemates (vaulted rooms), Fort Point would be the only Third System fort built on the West Coast.

A crew of 200 men—many of them failed gold miners—labored eight years to complete this masterpiece of military architecture, placing a foundation of granite shipped from China and laying eight million bricks, fired in a nearby brickyard. As the mighty fortress rose, observers lauded its "solid masonry of more than ordinary artistic skill" and declared that the fort would be "the admiration and pride of the Pacific."

But Fort Point's heyday passed quickly—rendered



**Fort Point was saved during construction of the Golden Gate Bridge through the addition of an elegant arch**

effectively useless by new military technology deployed in the Civil War. An attempt in 1926 to preserve the fort by the American Institute of Architects failed to gain traction, and the fortress was slated for demolition in early plans for the Golden Gate Bridge.

Chief Engineer Joseph Strauss, however, recognized Fort Point's aesthetic and historic import. "While the old fort has no military value now," Strauss wrote, "it remains nevertheless a fine example of the mason's art... it should be preserved and restored as a national monument."

He challenged his engineers to save Fort Point, and they fashioned the massive steel arch that supports the roadway—arching in graceful juxtaposition to the angular sturdiness of the fortress below. Richard Nixon helped fulfill Strauss' hope many years later, declaring Fort Point a National Historic Site on October 16, 1970.

As we commemorate the Golden Gate Bridge's 75th anniversary all year long, let's take just a moment to mark Fort Point's 151st—and honor Strauss' vision and his engineers' ingenuity that made its survival possible.

### The Bridge as Artists' Muse

While you're at Fort Point, be sure to check out "International Orange," a thought-provoking exhibition of work by world-renowned artists responding to the Golden Gate Bridge ([international-orange.org](http://international-orange.org)). The exhibition, which runs until October 28, was organized by the FOR-SITE Foundation as its tribute to the Bridge's 75th Anniversary. For more "75 Tributes" by community organizations, visit [www.goldengatebridge75.org](http://www.goldengatebridge75.org).



# J U N E

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

## HOW TO USE *PARK ADVENTURES*

*Park Adventures* features walks, talks, volunteer opportunities, and other programs offered by the National Park Service, the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, and the Presidio Trust. Most programs are free (exceptions noted) and open to the public. The monthly calendar pages list programs by park site, date, and time. Program descriptions follow the calendar pages, are organized by park site, and include full contact and registration information.

Program locations, dates, and times are subject to change without notice; please call ahead to verify information.



June 4



June 11



June 19



June 26

**M** indicates Parks Conservancy members event

## MARIN HEADLANDS

Lighthouses of San Francisco Bay 11 AM–NOON

Battery Townsley Open House NOON–4 PM

Coastal Defenses of San Francisco Bay 1–2 PM

Sunset/Full Moon Walk to the Point Bonita Lighthouse 7:30–9 PM

## PRESIDIO

The Last Gun 11 AM–3 PM

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## MUIR WOODS

Muir Woods After Hours 7–9 PM

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## FORT MASON

Fort Mason Comes Alive 10:30 AM–NOON

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## PRESIDIO

Shuttle Through Time 1:45–2:45 PM

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## AT MULTIPLE SITES

National Get Outdoors Day

## LANDS END

Shipwrecks at the Golden Gate 10–11 AM

## MUIR WOODS

Get Outdoors Day (Fee Free Day)

## PRESIDIO

National Cemetery Walk 10 AM–NOON

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## MARIN HEADLANDS

Marine Science Sundays

## PRESIDIO

Patriotism and Prejudice 1–3 PM

## SWEENEY RIDGE

The Russians Are Coming! NOON–3 PM

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## FOGG

Summer BBQ **M** 7 PM (SEE PAGE 1)

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## FORT POINT

Pier Crabbing 10 AM–NOON

## PRESIDIO

Presidio History Hike **M** 10 AM–NOON

Three Flags of the Presidio 11 AM–NOON

The Presidio from Gold Rush to the Civil War 1–3 PM

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## MARIN HEADLANDS

Point Bonita YMCA: Bridge to Bridge Hike 10:30 AM–1:30 PM

## PRESIDIO

Buffalo Soldiers: Gone but Not Forgotten! 11 AM–NOON

## RANCHO CORRAL DE TIERRA

Ride on Through to the Other Side 10 AM–12:30 PM

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## FORT MASON

Fort Mason Comes Alive 10:30 AM–NOON

**MUIR BEACH**  
Summer Solstice Celebration 6–8 PM

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## PRESIDIO

Shuttle Through Time 1:45–2:45 PM

Summer Solstice Evening Walk 6:30–8:30 PM

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## MARIN HEADLANDS

Point Bonita YMCA: Great American Backyard Campout 3 PM–(6/24)10 AM

## PRESIDIO

What If There Weren't Any Trees? 11 AM–12:30 PM

Buffalo Soldiers: Gone but Not Forgotten! 2–3 PM

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## MARIN HEADLANDS

Beginning Birding 9:30–11:30 AM

## PRESIDIO

Shuttle Through Time 1:45–2:45 PM

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## MUIR WOODS

Play Date in Muir Woods 10–11:30 AM

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## FORT POINT

Pier Crabbing 10 AM–NOON

## MARIN HEADLANDS

Family Night Hike & Campfire: S'mores Cook-Off & Sing-Along 6–8:30 PM

## PRESIDIO

The Presidio Rocks 10 AM–12:30 PM

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# J U L Y

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

## MARIN HEADLANDS

Lighthouses of San Francisco Bay

11 AM–NOON

Battery Townsley Open House

NOON–4 PM

Coastal Defenses of San Francisco Bay

1–2 PM

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## MUIR WOODS

Muir Woods

After Hours

7–9 PM

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## MARIN HEADLANDS

Sunset/Full Moon

Walk to the Point

Bonita Lighthouse

7:30–9 PM

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## PRESIDIO

The Dangers  
of Bridging the  
Golden Gate

NOON–12:30 PM

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## LANDS END

Shipwrecks at the Golden Gate 10–11 AM

MARIN HEADLANDS

Nike Missile Site Open House 12:30–3:30 PM

PRESIDIO

The Last Gun 11 AM–3 PM

Mountain Lake Walk: Back in Time 2–3 PM

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## MARIN HEADLANDS

Marine Science Sundays

PRESIDIO

The Last Gun 11 AM–3 PM

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## FORT MASON

Fort Mason

Comes Alive

10:30 AM–NOON

PRESIDIO

National Cemetery

Walk 10 AM–NOON

## AT MULTIPLE SITES

CCNB Youth

Summer Service

Day 9 AM–2 PM

PRESIDIO

Buffalo Soldiers:

Gone but Not

Forgotten! 2–3 PM

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## CRISSY FIELD

Crissey Field Aviation Walk 10 AM–NOON

FORT POINT

Pier Crabbing 10 AM–NOON

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## MARIN HEADLANDS

Marine Mammals of the Golden Gate

(Family-friendly) 10:30 AM–1:30 PM

MILAGRA RIDGE

Of Bombs and Butterflies NOON–2 PM

PRESIDIO

Shuttle Through Time 1:45–2:45 PM

RANCHO CORRAL DE TIERRA

Ride on Through to the Other Side 10 AM–12:30 PM

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## MUIR WOODS

Morning Amongst


the Redwoods

8–10 AM

SAN MATEO

COUNTY

360 Degrees

of Pacifica 

9:30 AM–3 PM

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## CRISSY FIELD

Let's Move on Crissy Field! 1–3 PM

MARIN HEADLANDS

Bridge in Fog 1–4 PM

PRESIDIO

Three Flags of the Presidio 11 AM–NOON

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## MARIN HEADLANDS

Beginning Birding 9:30–11:30 AM

PRESIDIO

Pedaling the Presidio 1–3 PM

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## FORT MASON

Fort Mason

Comes Alive

10:30 AM–NOON

## PRESIDIO

Shuttle Through

Time 1:45–2:45 PM

## FORT POINT

Pier Crabbing 10 AM–NOON

MARIN HEADLANDS

Family Night Hike & Campfire: S'mores Cook-Off & Sing-Along

6–8:30 PM

PRESIDIO

National Cemetery Walk 10 AM–NOON

Buffalo Soldiers: Gone but Not Forgotten! 2–3 PM

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July 3



July 10



July 19



July 26



indicates Parks Conservancy members event



AUGUST

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



Aug. 1

Aug. 9

Aug. 17

Aug. 24

Aug. 31

**MARIN HEADLANDS**  
Sunset/Full Moon Walk to the Point Bonita Lighthouse 7:30–9 PM

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**MUIR WOODS**  
Muir Woods After Hours 7–9 PM

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**MARIN HEADLANDS**  
Sun and Moon Hike 7–10 PM

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**MARIN HEADLANDS**  
Nike Missile Site Open House 12:30–3:30 PM  
**PRESIDIO**  
Presidio Birdlife 9:30–11:30 AM  
The Last Gun 11 AM–3 PM  
Nature Stories Along the Ecology Trail 2–3 PM

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**MARIN HEADLANDS**  
Lighthouses of San Francisco Bay 11 AM–NOON  
Battery Townsley Open House NOON–4 PM  
Coastal Defenses of San Francisco Bay 1–2 PM  
**PRESIDIO**  
The Last Gun 11 AM–3 PM

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**FORT MASON**  
Fort Mason Comes Alive 10:30 AM–NOON  
**PRESIDIO**  
National Cemetery Walk 10 AM–NOON

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**FORT POINT**  
Pier Crabbing 10 AM–NOON  
**MARIN HEADLANDS**  
Family Night Hike & Campfire: S'mores Cook-Off & Sing-Along 6–8:30 PM  
**PRESIDIO**  
Great Scott! 1–2:30 PM

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**MARIN HEADLANDS**  
Marine Science Sundays

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**PRESIDIO**  
Shuttle Through Time 1:45–2:45 PM

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**FORT POINT**  
Fort Point Civil War Days 10 AM–5 PM  
**MUIR WOODS**  
Gravity Car Hike 9 AM–1 PM  
**PRESIDIO**  
Presidio Nature Trail Hike  10 AM–NOON  
Where's the Brr-brr-Bridge? 1–2:30 PM

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**MARIN HEADLANDS**  
Beginning Birding 9:30–11:30 AM  
Geology Rocks! (Family-friendly) 10:30 AM–1:30 PM  
**PRESIDIO** Guns and Bridges 1–3 PM  
**RANCHO CORRAL DE TIERRA**  
Ride on Through to the Other Side 10 AM–12:30 PM  
**SWEENEY RIDGE**  
The Russians Are Coming! NOON–3 PM

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**FORT MASON**  
Fort Mason Comes Alive 10:30 AM–NOON

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**PRESIDIO**  
Shuttle Through Time 1:45–2:45 PM

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**FORT POINT**  
Pier Crabbing 10 AM–NOON  
**LANDS END**  
Shipwrecks at the Golden Gate 11 AM–NOON  
**MUIR WOODS**  
Founders Day  
**PRESIDIO**  
National Cemetery Walk 10 AM–NOON

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**MUIR WOODS**  
The Last Hurrah! 9:30 AM–NOON  
**PRESIDIO**  
Shuttle Through Time 1:45–2:45 PM

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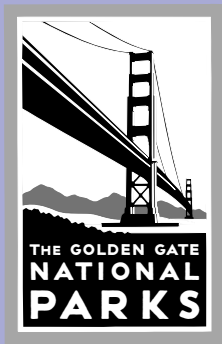
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**PRESIDIO**  
Buffalo Soldiers: Gone but Not Forgotten! 2–3 PM

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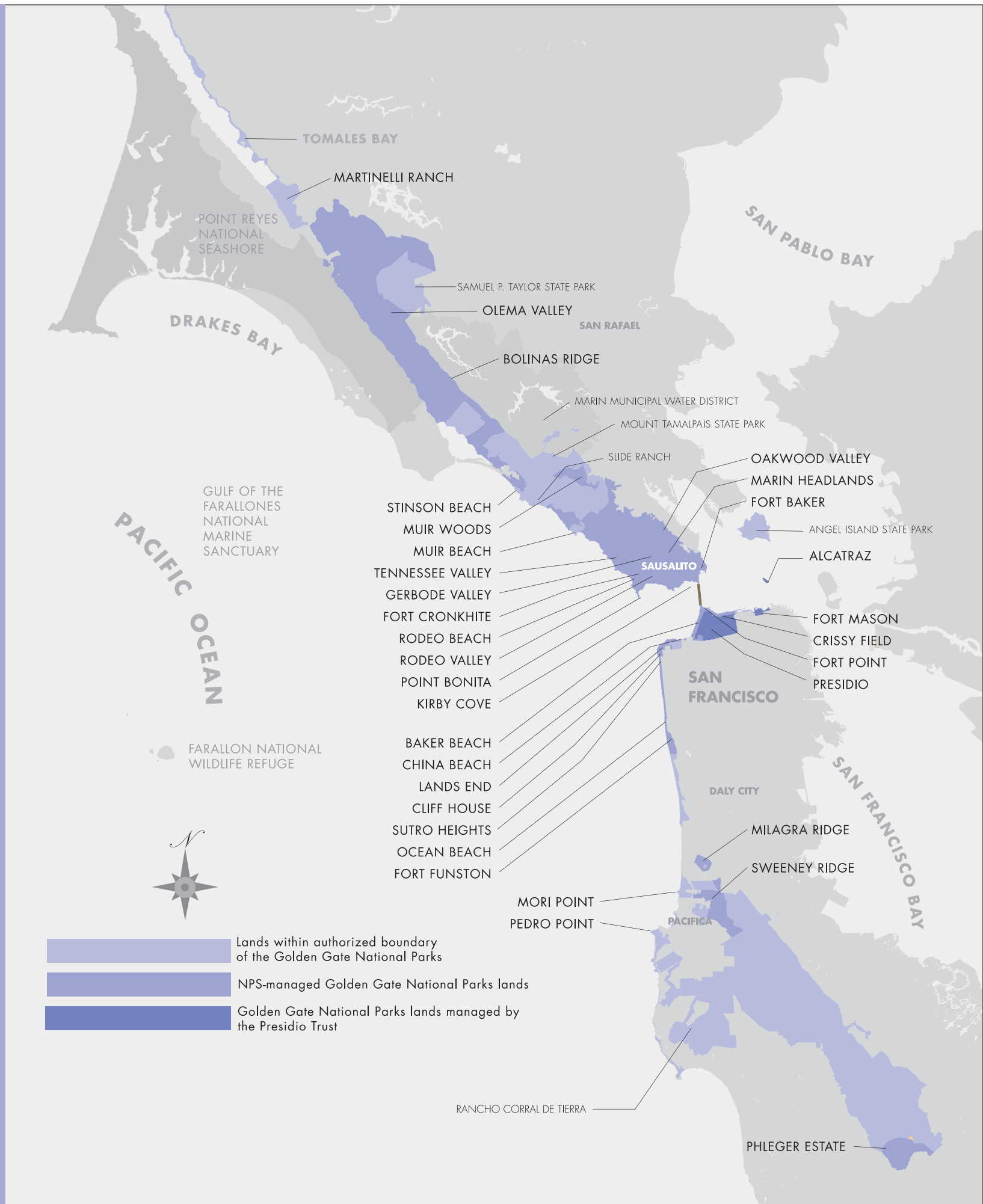
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Alcatraz Island  
Baker Beach  
Bolinas Ridge  
China Beach  
Cliff House  
Crissy Field  
Fort Baker  
Fort Cronkhite  
Fort Funston  
Fort Mason  
Fort Point  
Gerbode Valley  
Kirby Cove

Lands End  
Marin Headlands  
Martinelli Ranch  
Milagra Ridge  
Mori Point  
Muir Beach  
Muir Woods  
Oakwood Valley  
Ocean Beach  
Olema Valley  
Pedro Point  
Phleger Estate  
Point Bonita  
Presidio  
Rancho Corral de Tierra  
Rodeo Beach  
Rodeo Valley  
Stinson Beach  
Sutro Heights  
Sweeney Ridge  
Tennessee Valley



# PARK EVENTS

## AT MULTIPLE SITES

### ONGOING

#### Golden Gate Trail Crew

Third Saturdays: 6/16, 7/21, 8/18  
(9 AM—NOON)

Get ready for an awesome summer of trail work with the Trails Forever Team and our Golden Gate Trail Crew! These work days take place every third Saturday of the month to help repair, maintain, and enhance trails, and protect sensitive natural habitat throughout the parks. Volunteering on trails is fun, rewarding, and great exercise!

For locations and details, contact us at 561-3068, [volunteer@parksconservancy.org](mailto:volunteer@parksconservancy.org) or visit [www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer](http://www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer). Presidio Trail Crew meets second Tuesdays of the month, from 10 AM—1 PM.

#### Habitat Restoration Team

Sundays (9:30 AM—2:30 PM)

The Habitat Restoration Team, engages community members in the management and enhancement of the Golden Gate National Parks. Volunteers and staff meet weekly at different scenic locations to restore the parks' native habitat by removing invasive plants, transplanting



native plants, and seed collecting. Appropriate for adults and youth (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18). Meeting locations vary; phone 289-1861 for locations, directions, and carpool availability. Or check the hotline, 289-1862, for work schedule.

#### Invasive Plant Patrol

Wednesdays (10 AM—2:30 PM)

The Invasive Plant Patrol hikes park trails to find new invasions of exotic plants, and removes localized infestations before they become uncontrolled. Appropriate for adults and youth (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18). Meeting locations vary, and work dates are sometimes intermittent; phone 289-1861 to register. Call the hotline, 289-1862, for more information.

### PARK STEWARDSHIP

#### ■ Marin County

Wednesdays, 1—4 PM  
Saturdays, 10 AM—1 PM

#### ■ San Francisco

Thursdays and Saturdays, 1—4 PM

#### ■ San Mateo County

Saturdays, 10 AM—1 PM

The Park Stewardship Program works to restore and maintain priority parklands within the Golden Gate National Parks. Whether protecting an endangered species, restoring a historic feature, or improving a trail, community support is the key to ensuring the long-term protection of these park sites. For schedule details, contact us at 561-3044, [volunteer@parksconservancy.org](mailto:volunteer@parksconservancy.org), or visit [www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer](http://www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer).

#### GOGA Maintenance/ San Francisco Shoreline

##### ■ Fort Mason

Tuesdays, 9 AM—NOON

##### ■ Sutro Heights

Wednesdays, 9 AM—NOON

##### ■ Presidio

Thursdays and Saturdays,  
9 AM—NOON

##### ■ Ocean Beach

Fridays, 9 AM—NOON

Help keep the San Francisco shoreline beautiful! Volunteers are needed to help keep these popular public destinations well-maintained for both locals and visitors to use and enjoy. Projects include litter removal, weeding invasive plants, vegetation pruning, sand removal, painting, site improvements, and trail maintenance.

Project locations encompass historic and scenic sites such as Fort Mason, East Beach, Crissy Airfield, Golden Gate Promenade, West Bluffs, Historic Batteries along Coastal Bluffs, Baker Beach, China Beach, Lobos Creek, Ocean Beach, and Sutro Heights.

For more information, call 793-6974 or e-mail [laura\\_elze@nps.gov](mailto:laura_elze@nps.gov). For additional dates and meeting locations, call the recorded hotline at 447-9376.

#### Weed Watchers

Times vary, call ahead

Weed Watchers patrol national park trails in San Mateo, San Francisco, and Marin Counties, detecting and mapping weeds as they first invade. Volunteers are trained in identification of priority invasive plants along with the methods to map and report their findings.

After attending a training session, volunteers can join any of the week-

ly guided surveys or adopt their own trails. GPS training is also provided for those interested.

Appropriate for adults and teens. Registration required. For more information, call 331-5023 or e-mail [eric\\_wrubel@nps.gov](mailto:eric_wrubel@nps.gov).

### PROGRAMS

#### National Get Outdoors Day

6/9

This brand-new, national celebration calls on people of all ages to participate in healthy, active, outdoor fun! And you don't even have to travel very far to enjoy the great outdoors. The Golden Gate National Parks—right here in your backyard—are fantastic places to start. It's easier than ever to plan a leisurely stroll, a strenuous hike, an invigorating bike ride, or a fun day in our parks.

All phone numbers are area code (415) unless otherwise noted.

**CC** Indicates a closed-captioned program.

**♿** Indicates either full or partial wheelchair accessibility.

**👂** Indicates assisted listening devices available.

**Large Print** Indicates large print available.

# PARK EVENTS

Simply log onto [www.parksconservancy.org](http://www.parksconservancy.org) and click on the map to learn how to get to our parks and what amazing places you can visit. To learn more, visit [www.nationalgetoutdoorsday.org](http://www.nationalgetoutdoorsday.org).

#### National Trails Day

6/2

During America's biggest "TRAILgating party," give back to the trails! Join the Trails Forever crew for an incredible day of making a difference!

Special thanks to our partners REI and American Hiking Society. This event was made possible in part by a grant from the National Park Foundation through the generous support of the Coca-Cola Foundation.

There will be trail and restoration projects in all three counties: San Francisco, San Mateo, and Marin. Please contact us for details at 561-3044 or [volunteer@parksconservancy.org](mailto:volunteer@parksconservancy.org), or get more information at [www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer](http://www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer).

#### CCNB Youth Summer Service Day

7/13 (9 AM—2 PM)

Join Conservation Corps North Bay and the Golden Gate National Parks in celebrating our remarkable young people and our national parks by

lending a helping hand in protecting these special places. Service projects will be co-led by youth in the Project ReGeneration program, along with park staff.

There will be multiple projects at park sites in Marin County. For more information about this unique opportunity, call 561-3077 or e-mail [volunteer@parksconservancy.org](mailto:volunteer@parksconservancy.org).

### ALCATRAZ



Open daily (except for Thanksgiving, December 25, and January 1). Join ranger-led programs, use self-guiding brochures, and take the compelling cellhouse audio tour.

A captioned video introduction about Alcatraz history is shown every 30 minutes in the island theater.

Additional exhibits containing Alcatraz artifacts and other historic items are located in the museum store in the basement level of the cellhouse. Phone 561-4900, 9 AM—4 PM, for program and general information.

Daily ferry service to Alcatraz originates at Pier 33, and the cellhouse au-

dio tour can be purchased with ferry tickets. Visit [www.alcatrazcruises.com](http://www.alcatrazcruises.com) or phone 981-ROCK for ticket reservations. Note: Alcatraz tickets frequently sell out as much as one week in advance. Visit the Alcatraz website at [www.nps.gov/alcatraz](http://www.nps.gov/alcatraz).

#### ACCESSIBILITY FEATURES

■ The SEAT (shuttle) transport is available for wheelchair users and visitors physically unable to walk up the quarter-mile, 12 percent-grade hill to the cellhouse. Children under 14 must be escorted by an adult; service animals allowed.

■ Ask at Pier 33 for the loan of an assistive listening device for the duration of your visit.

■ Transcripts of the cellhouse audio tour are available for hearing-impaired visitors.

■ Ask about the visually accessible descriptor version of the audio tour.

■ Braille versions of the cellhouse audio tour are available for vision-impaired visitors.

■ Stationary ranger programs, provided at least once daily, are marked on the island's program board with a wheelchair symbol.

■ Please ask about accommodations for any program given.

### ONGOING

#### Alcatraz Historic Gardens

The historic gardens, once created by military and federal prison staff and inmates on San Francisco's Alcatraz Island, are being reclaimed as a joint project of the Garden Conservancy, the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, and the National Park Service.

■ **Open Garden and "Ask the Gardener":** Wednesdays (10 AM—2 PM)

■ **Guided Docent Tour:** Fridays and Sundays (9:30 AM starting from Alcatraz dock; take 9:10 AM boat). This walking garden tour is free, but purchase of boat ticket is required.

■ **Gardens Volunteers:** Wednesdays and Fridays (8:30 AM—12:30 PM)

Join the effort and volunteer! Docents and gardeners needed. Visit [www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer](http://www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer) for application and details. Note that **registration is required** for this program.

#### Alcatraz Junior Rangers

Young people between the ages of 6 and 12 can become Alcatraz Junior Rangers. Booklets are free and available in the Dock Office. Those who complete the booklet receive a Junior Ranger Badge!

#### Alcatraz Night Tour

Limited to just a few hundred visitors, the Alcatraz Night Tour programs include special topics, tours, and activities not offered during daytime hours.

Buy boat tickets well in advance, as they sell out quickly.

For tickets, visit [www.alcatrazcruises.com](http://www.alcatrazcruises.com) or phone 981-ROCK for ticket reservations. For program information, phone 561-4926.

#### Audio Tour

An award-winning audio tour of the cell house is included in the price of the ferry ticket.

Listen to the voices of inmates, guards, and their families as they tell their stories of living and growing up on the island.

#### Author Programs

The cellhouse store hosts authors who have written about their experience on the island.

Authors include former inmates and guards and family members who grew up on the Rock, as well as historians who have researched the island's history. These programs give visitors an opportunity to talk with these writers.



# PARK EVENTS

## Daily Programs

National park rangers and volunteers present 15-minute talks and guided one-hour tours when staffing permits. Typical programs include “Famous Inmates,” “Great Escapes,” “200 Years,” “Birds of Alcatraz,” “Alcatraz in Hollywood,” “Myths of Alcatraz,” and “Al Capone.” Check the program board at the dock for times and locations of talks and tours. No reservations necessary.

## We Hold the Rock

In 1969, a group of Native Americans began a highly publicized, 19-month occupation of Alcatraz Island. This marked the beginning of a modern Indian movement of America’s indigenous people.

This award-winning exhibit features photographs, music, video clips, and interviews with former occupiers.

## CLIFF HOUSE

Enjoy views of the Pacific Ocean and Seal Rocks from the public outdoor terraces. The Cliff House Restaurant is open seven days a week for lunch and dinner; phone 386-3330 for reservations. The Camera Obscura on the lower terrace is open seven days a week, weather permitting; phone 750-0415 for more informa-

tion. Visit the Cliff House website at [www.nps.gov/goga/clho.htm](http://www.nps.gov/goga/clho.htm).

## CRISSY FIELD

### ONGOING

#### Crissy Field Mystery Trail Challenge


Available every day, 9 AM—4 PM

Recommended for families and groups with children ages 5 to 10. Grab a magnifying glass and get down to the Warming Hut, at the western end of Crissy Field. Once there, you’ll find a booklet that directs you down the Mystery Trail in search of the first clue. There are nine plaques along the one-mile trail—can you find them all? A prize awaits you if you can! Free.

### PROGRAMS

#### Crissy Field Aviation Walk

7/14 (10 AM—NOON)

Explore Crissy Field and learn about its role in early aviation history on this easy, one-mile walk. Meet docent Don Gray at the Warming Hut, at the west end of Mason Street. 

#### Let’s Move on Crissy Field!

7/21 (1—3 PM)

Grab your water bottle, sunscreen, and hat! Join Ranger Mariajose

Alcantara on a “Park Prescriptions” healthy walk to the Golden Gate Bridge and back, in your local national park. Wear comfortable shoes, dress in layers and bring a fun stretch to share before our walk. Meet in front of the Beach Hut cafe, located on Crissy Field’s East Beach. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

## FORT FUNSTON

### Fort Funston Nursery and Stewardship

Saturdays (9:30 AM—12:30 PM)

The Fort Funston Nursery, one of five native plant nurseries in the park, grows 25,000 plants per year.



## CRISSY FIELD CENTER

The Crissy Field Center location at 603 Mason St. in the Presidio is closed during the Presidio Parkway/Doyle Drive Replacement Project.

Center programs and operations are now located in the interim Center at the eastern end of East Beach. The new facility, a showcase of sustainable design and construction, features the Beach Hut café which is open to the public seven days a week, 9 AM to 5 PM.

A partnership of the National Park Service, Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, and Presidio Trust, the Crissy Field Center encourages new generations to be bold leaders for thriving parks, healthy communities, and a more environmentally just society. The Center offers a variety of educational programs, including workshops, summer camps, and seasonal events. For details, call 561-7765 or visit [www.crisseyfieldcenter.org](http://www.crisseyfieldcenter.org).

Volunteers participate in seed collection, propagation, transplanting, pruning, weeding, and outplanting.

Appropriate for adults and youth ages 10 and up (chaperones suggested for youth under age 18). RSVP is requested; phone 652-2373 for information, registration, and directions. More details at [www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer](http://www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer).

## FORT MASON

### Fort Mason Comes Alive

6/7, 6/21, 7/12, 7/26, 8/9, 8/23 (10:30 AM—NOON)

Discover the history and secrets of Fort Mason, home to the headquarters of the Golden Gate National

Recreation Area. Join Park Ranger Al Blank as he leads a walking tour of Upper and Lower Fort Mason.

Wear comfortable shoes; the walk is moderate with some hills and steps. Don’t forget your camera!

Meet at Upper Fort Mason at the flagpole in front of Building 201, the main building.

## FORT POINT



The fort will be open on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, from 10 AM to 5 PM. Phone 556-1693 to verify access hours.

For more information, visit the Fort Point website at [www.nps.gov/fopo](http://www.nps.gov/fopo).

# PARK EVENTS

## ONGOING


### “Building the Golden Gate Bridge”

Video made by Bethlehem Steel on the construction of this national engineering landmark.  

### Cannon Loading Demonstrations

Discover how soldiers were taught to load and fire a Napoleon 12-pounder cannon as part of a typical Civil War artillery drill.

### “Fort Point, Guardian of the Golden Gate”

Award-winning, 30-minute video program about the history of Fort Point from 1776 through World War II. Shown throughout the day. 

The Fort Point staff offers a variety of programs; a schedule is posted at the Fort’s entrance.

## PROGRAMS

### Pier Crabbing

6/2, 6/16, 6/30, 7/14, 7/28, 8/11, 8/25 (10 AM—NOON)

Learn about crabbing in San Francisco Bay. We’ll discuss bait, equipment, and regulations. Then you can try your luck with our nets! Reservations required; phone 556-1693.

### Fort Point Civil War Days

8/18 (10 AM—5 PM)

Join the American Civil War Association, as part of the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War 2011-2015 commemoration, as they bring Fort Point to life with music, marching, and the colorful uniforms of Civil War soldiers. Talks and demonstrations are held throughout the day. For information, call 556-1693.

## LANDS END



Experience the new Lands End Lookout visitor center, which opened in late April. This “green” facility features fascinating exhibits, a park store, cafe, restrooms, and a beautiful space to come in from the cold. It is open 9 AM to 5 PM every day. For more information, call 426-5240.

## ONGOING

### Park Stewardship: San Francisco

Thursdays and Saturdays (1—4 PM)

Become a Park Steward and help restore San Francisco coastal habitat and enhance our trail systems at Lands End

and the Presidio bluffs. Volunteer activities include weeding, watering, seed collection, litter removal, and sign and fence maintenance. Appropriate for adults, families, and youth ages 14 and up (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18). Meeting locations vary; phone 730-6379 or visit [www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer](http://www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer) for more information.

## PROGRAMS

### Shipwrecks at the Golden Gate

6/9, 7/7 (10—11 AM)  
8/25 (11 AM—NOON)

On a moderately strenuous hike, see and learn about some of the ships that perished on the rocky cliffs of the Golden Gate. Meet docent Rich Harned at the USS San Francisco Memorial parking lot at the end of El Camino del Mar, just north of 48th and Point Lobos avenues. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

## MARIN HEADLANDS

The Marin Headlands Visitor Center, once an army chapel, is open daily, 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Please note the Visitor Center is open every day of the year except Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Park visitors with limited mobility

can navigate the sands of Rodeo Beach by using a sand wheel-chair (purchased with the help of a Whale Tale Grant from the California Coastal Commission). The chair is available for free, and can be checked out with reservations at the Visitor Center; call 331-1540.

Unless otherwise noted, all programs require reservations. For general information and to make reservations, phone the Marin Headlands Visitor Center at 331-1540.

## ONGOING

### Battery Townsley Open House

6/3, 7/1, 8/5 (NOON—4 PM)

Open the first Sunday of each month. Battery Townsley at Fort Cronkhite was San Francisco’s most extensive—and most secret—World War II military fortification.

Battery Townsley is reached via a moderately strenuous hike up the Coastal Trail approximately half-mile north of the Rodeo Beach parking lot. For further assistance to the site, call 331-1540.

### Nature Bridge Family Programs

Nature Bridge’s Family Programs are designed to help your family con-

nect with your local national park, the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Enjoy your park in all seasons while you learn more about nature and get ideas about how your family can help care for the environment. Register online: [www.headlandsinstitute.org/family](http://www.headlandsinstitute.org/family). For more information call 331-1548.

### Marin Headlands Hostel

Hostelling International’s Golden Gate Council Marin Headland’s hostel offers an affordable outdoor environmental education program for youth ages 6—18, as well as a similar program tailored to adults. Please call 863-1444 for more details.

### Marin Headlands Junior Rangers

A fun opportunity for young people, ages 8—12, to explore the Marin Headlands is now available free from the Visitor Center. Pick up your booklet and take the day to learn the area’s fascinating stories. Become a Marin Headlands Junior Ranger on your next visit!

### Marin Headlands Nursery

Wednesdays (1—4 PM)  
Saturdays (9 AM—NOON)

Come grow with us at the Marin Headlands Native Plant Nursery!




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The dedication and support of our volunteers are vital in the effort to grow plants, collect seeds, maintain the nursery facility, and much more. Appropriate for adults and youth ages 11 and up (chaperones suggested for youth under age 18). RSVP requested; phone 332-5193. For more details, visit [www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer](http://www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer).

## Marine Mammal Center

Open daily (10 AM—5 PM)

Visit a living, breathing marine mammal hospital! Learn about marine mammals and their ocean home, watch veterinary staff and volunteers at work, and view seal and sea lions patients from the observation deck. Docent-led tours of the hospital are highly recommended and offered daily at 11 AM, 1 PM, and 3 PM (small fee applies). For details, visit [www.marinemammalcenter.org/visiting-us](http://www.marinemammalcenter.org/visiting-us). 

## Nike Missile Site Open House

6/2, 7/7, 8/4 (12:30—3:30 PM)

Open the first Saturday of each month, and Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons. Unique in the National Park Service, this restored Cold War anti-aircraft missile site has intriguing stories to tell. Leashed pets are welcome.

For visiting hours or tours, phone 331-1453. Buildings above ground are wheelchair accessible. Visit the website at [www.nps.gov/goga/nike-missile-site.htm](http://www.nps.gov/goga/nike-missile-site.htm).

## Point Bonita Lighthouse



Open Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays (12:30—3:30 PM)

Meet Point Bonita docents along the lighthouse trail. This hidden, historic setting offers breathtaking views and many stories. The half-mile trail is steep in places. The new suspension bridge is now open! Visit the Point Bonita Lighthouse website at [www.nps.gov/goga/pobo.htm](http://www.nps.gov/goga/pobo.htm).

## Tennessee Valley Native Plant Nursery and Stewardship

Tuesdays (10 AM—NOON, 1—4 PM)

This nursery grows plants for more than a dozen restoration sites in the park! Help out by removing invasive plants, outplanting, transplanting seedlings, pruning, and seed collecting. Appropriate for adults and youth ages 15 and up (chaperones suggested for youth under age 18). RSVP requested.

quested; please call 289-1860. For details, visit [www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer](http://www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer).

## PROGRAMS

### Beginning Birding

6/24, 7/22, 8/19 (9:30—11:30 AM)

Summer has arrived at the Marin Headlands. Explore the shore of Rodeo Lagoon with docent Jane Haley and learn which birds are our summer visitors and which ones are here year-round. Meet at the Marin Headlands Visitor Center. Bring binoculars, field guides. For ages 8 and up; no pets. Rain cancels. For reservations call 331-1540.

### Bridge in Fog


7/21 (1—4 PM)

Picture the Golden Gate Bridge swathed in fog, with only its towers pointing out. We will follow the fog for photo opportunities in this carpool/hike. Wear sturdy shoes; segments may be steep in places. Dress warmly, bring your tripod, and hope for fog. Meet at the Greening at the Marin Headlands Visitor Center.

### Coastal Defenses of San Francisco Bay

6/3, 7/1, 8/5 (1—2 PM)

The Coastal Defenses of San Fran-

cisco Bay have played an important part in major historical events. These events include the end of the Mexican American war, the Gold Rush, California statehood, the Civil War, WWI, and WWII. Each event spurred further improvements to coastal defense. Join docent Warren Riley for an illustrated presentation of these advances. For reservations, phone 331-1540. 

### Family Night Hike & Campfire: S'mores Cook-Off & Sing-Along

6/30, 7/28, 8/11 (6—8:30 PM)

Calling all parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, and siblings! Enjoy the great outdoors after the sun sets with a fun-filled, family-friendly night hike and campfire. S'mores provided. All ages are welcome. For more information and to register visit: [www.naturebridge.org/goldengatefamily](http://www.naturebridge.org/goldengatefamily).

### Geology Rocks! (Family-friendly)

8/19 (10:30 AM—1:30 PM)

Explore rocks! Play at the beach! Learn about the fascinating geological history of the Marin Headlands and the forces that shaped the California Coast with interactive games

and activities. Meet at Point Bonita YMCA. Bring your own bagged lunch. Pre-registration required. Please call or e-mail Point Bonita YMCA at 331-9622 or [doyobio@ymcasf.org](mailto:doyobio@ymcasf.org).

## Lighthouses of San Francisco Bay

6/3, 7/1, 8/5 (11 AM—NOON)

Following the discovery of gold in 1848, the Bay Area experienced one of the most explosive population expansions in modern history. During the latter half of that century, the men and women of the lighthouse service, aided by their light and fog signals, directed hundreds of ships to safe passage through the Golden Gate and often provided life-saving services. Join docent Warren Riley for an illustrated talk inside the Marin Headlands Visitor Center. For reservations, phone 331-1540. 

## Marine Mammals of the Golden Gate (Family-friendly)

7/15 (10:30 AM—1:30 PM)

Join an experienced YMCA naturalist for a day of learning all about the fascinating adaptations of our local marine mammals, while exploring the trails of the beautiful Marin Headlands.

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Easy to moderate grade, 1-2 miles. Meet at Fort Cronkhite parking lot restrooms. Bring a bagged lunch. Pre-registration required. Please call or e-mail Point Bonita YMCA at 331-9622 or [doyobio@ymcasf.org](mailto:doyobio@ymcasf.org).

## Marine Science Sundays

6/10, 7/8, 8/12

Come join the Marine Mammal Center on the second Sunday of the month for a fun-filled day of family-friendly tours, classroom activities, and more.

Themes will range from Popping Season to Ocean Trash. Learn more about specific themes and scheduled activities each month by going to [www.marinemammalcenter.org](http://www.marinemammalcenter.org).



## Point Bonita YMCA: Bridge to Bridge Hike

6/17 (10:30 AM—1:30 PM)

Spend the day hiking with an experienced YMCA naturalist, from the Golden Gate Bridge to the new Point Bonita Lighthouse Bridge. Learn fascinating cultural and natural history! Moderate to strenuous grade, six miles one-way.

Meet at the West Vista Point (Sausalito side) statue at 10:30 AM. Bring your own bagged lunch. Pre-registration required. \$10/adult, \$5/children. Call or e-mail Point Bonita YMCA for details or to pre-register: 331-9622, [doyobio@ymcasf.org](mailto:doyobio@ymcasf.org). Take a self-guided hike back or hop on the MUNI 76.

## Point Bonita YMCA: Great American Backyard Campout

6/23 (3 PM)—6/24 (10 AM)

Have you ever wanted to go camping but you didn't have the time or the gear? Or you didn't know where to go? Join Point Bonita YMCA and REI for the Great American Backyard Campout, right here in the Headlands. Includes guided hikes, arts and crafts, BBQ and potluck dinner, and light breakfast.

Meet at Point Bonita YMCA. \$25/person (kids under 5 free); all ages welcome! Registration begins May 1, and for more information visit [www.pointbonitaymca.org](http://www.pointbonitaymca.org).

## Sun and Moon Hike

8/3 (7—10 PM)

Join Steffen Bartschat at the Tennessee Valley trailhead for a six-mile strenuous ridgetop hike—where we will witness a setting sun and a rising moon.

Along the way we'll make stops to look for and learn more about two of our most vocal residents in the Marin Headlands—the great horned owl and the coyote. Bring water, layered clothing, a flashlight, binoculars, and snack. Reservations required; phone 331-1540.

## Sunset/Full Moon Walk to the Point Bonita Lighthouse

6/3, 7/3, 8/1 (7:30—9 PM)

Watch the setting sun and greet the rising moon at this wild edge of the continent. The half-mile trail is steep in places. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight. Meet park staff and docents at the Point Bonita Lighthouse trailhead. Limited to 50 people; program fills quickly. Reservations required; phone 331-1540.

## MILAGRA RIDGE

### Of Bombs and Butterflies


7/15 (NOON—2 PM)

Enjoy an easy, two-mile stroll with Nike missile veteran David Bridgman along Pacifica's Milagra Ridge—former gun emplacement, Nike missile site, and now the last stand for a quarter-sized endangered butterfly. Reservations recommended; call (415) 561-4323.

## MUIR WOODS/ MUIR BEACH

Open every day, including holidays, between 8 AM and sunset. Muir Beach and Muir Beach Overlook are open from 9 AM to one hour after sunset. The entrance fee for Muir Woods is \$7 per person, ages 16 and up.

Phone the Muir Woods Hotline at 388-2595 for program information and updates on hours, seasonal news, and trail conditions. All programs meet at the Visitor Center unless otherwise indicated. Visit [www.nps.gov/muwo](http://www.nps.gov/muwo) for more information or follow us on Twitter: @MuirWoodsNPS.

Purchase a copy of the Muir Woods Nature Trail Self-Guide and Watershed Hiking Map and see all of the possibilities of hiking coastal, forested, hillside, and canyon trails in Muir Woods and its neighbor, Mount Tamalpais State Park. The map may be purchased for \$1 at the Visitor Center. 

## ONGOING

### Daily Programs

Rangers and volunteers present 15-minute ecology talks and guided one-hour tours when staffing permits. Check the program board at the entrance arch for times and locations of talks and tours. No reservations necessary.

### Redwood Discovery: A Quest at Muir Woods

Muir Woods is offering an exciting and fun self-guided booklet that is designed for families or groups. This rhyming guide through the forest

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provides clues that lead to a treasure box. The booklet is free and available in our Visitor Center, at the info table, or online at [www.nps.gov/muwo](http://www.nps.gov/muwo).

## Muir Woods Junior Rangers

Young people between the ages of 6 and 12 can become Muir Woods Junior Rangers. The activity booklet is free and available at the Visitor Center, at the information table, or online.

## Redwood Creek Nursery

Wednesdays (10 AM—1 PM)

Grow and care for native plants and help maintain critical habitat. RSVP for meeting locations and directions by calling 383-4390. More information online at [www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer](http://www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer).

## Park Stewardship: Marin (Muir Beach, Dias Ridge)

Wednesdays (1—4 PM)

Saturdays (10 AM—1 PM)

Enjoy working outdoors weeding and planting, while restoring habitat for endangered coho salmon, threatened California red-legged frog, and other wildlife. Meet at the Muir Beach parking lot. For details, e-mail Naomi LeBeau at [nlebeau@parksconservancy.org](mailto:nlebeau@parksconservancy.org) or call 321-9668. More information at [www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer](http://www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer).

## PROGRAMS

### Muir Woods After Hours


6/5, 7/2, 8/2 (7—9 PM)

Join us for an evening walk through the park. This special walk begins one hour before sunset and will conclude with the dark of night! We'll listen for owls, look for bats, and use our senses to guide us through the trails.

This is an easy, two-mile walk on paved trails. Bring your flashlight! Children under 8 years not advised. Reservations required; please phone 388-2596.

### Get Outdoors Day

6/9

Bring water, sack lunch, map, hat, and sunscreen and head for the hills, the coast, the beaches, and the forests of Mount Tamalpais on this Fee Free Day when entrance to all of the national parks is free. 

### Summer Solstice Celebration

6/21 (6—8 PM)

Celebrate the longest day of the year at the continent's edge, Muir Beach. Join us for storytelling and songs around a bonfire. Dress warmly and bring a mug for hot drinks. Free. Meet at Muir Beach. No reservations required.


### Play Date in Muir Woods

6/26 (10—11:30 AM)



Just because you can't see them, doesn't mean they're not there. Bring your pre-schooler on an easy walk through the forest primeval in search of the hidden things in Muir Woods that are in plain view or under a rock.

Suitable for families with kids 3—5 years old. Bring snack, lunch, and water. No wagons, roller skates, or scooters, please.

Space is limited to 14 children. RSVP required; please call 388-2596. 

### Morning Amongst the Redwoods

7/18 (8—10 AM)

Stretching and walking through an ancient redwood forest are a great way to start any day off right.

Come for a brisk two-mile easy walk and mild stretching among the tallest living organisms in the world, the coast redwoods. Dress for changing weather. Bring water. RSVP by calling 388-2596.

### Gravity Car Hike

8/18 (9 AM—1 PM)

The current auto entrance to Muir Woods was established in 1918. If Muir Woods was established as a national monument in 1908, how did most visitors enter the park before 1918?

Track history with docent Evelyn Rose and embark on a moderate hike that will trace the lower reaches of the Mount Tamalpais and Muir Woods Railway.

Also, learn about the thrilling "Gravity Car!"

Hike begins at the Muir Woods Visitor Center. Group limited to 15. Severe weather cancels. RSVP required; call 388-2596.

### Founders Day

8/25

In 1908, Muir Woods was saved from destruction by William and Elizabeth Kent who were so moved by the restful beauty of the primeval redwood forest that they donated the land to the government.

Come walk the Woods in quiet reflection of how this national treasure might have been lost if not for its founders. Park opens at 8 AM daily.

### The Last Hurrah!

8/26 (9:30 AM—NOON)

Can't stand to see vacation end but too tired to travel? Spend quality time with the family in an ancient redwood forest just 25 minutes from the Golden Gate Bridge.

Before letting the long, lazy days of summer slip away, take a leisurely walk through an ancient redwood forest.

Wear sturdy shoes and dress in layers. Entrance fees apply. All ages welcome. Strollers not advised. RSVP by calling 388-2596.

## OCEAN BEACH

### Ocean Beach Cleanup

Third Saturdays (10 AM—NOON)

This volunteer activity is an easy, team-building project that takes only a few hours and contributes to your community. The debris you pick up will not be washed out to sea to be ingested by sea life or added to the garbage patch in the central North Pacific.

For meeting location and details, e-mail [volunteer@parksconservancy.org](mailto:volunteer@parksconservancy.org), call 561-4751, or check [www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer](http://www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer).

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## PRESIDIO

The Presidio Visitor Center is closed due to renovation work at the Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue at Arguello Boulevard (Main Post). A temporary visitor center is located on the Main Post, at 105 Montgomery Street (at Lincoln). It is open from Thursday through Sunday, 10 AM—4 PM. For information, call 561-4323 or visit [www.nps.gov/prsf](http://www.nps.gov/prsf).

## ONGOING

### Park Stewardship: San Francisco

Thursdays and Saturdays (1—4 PM)

Become a Park Steward and help restore San Francisco coastal habitat and enhance our trail systems along the Presidio Bluffs. Activities include weeding, watering, seed collection, and litter removal. Appropriate for adults, families, and youth ages 14 and up (chaperones suggested for youth under age 18). Meeting locations vary; phone 730-6379 for information. Details at [www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer](http://www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer).

### Presidio Campground Stewards

First Tuesdays (10 AM—1 PM)

Help care for the Rob Hill Campground, the only campground in San

Francisco. Activities include planting, spreading mulch, and removing overgrown vegetation. Meet at Inspiration Point overlook in the Presidio. For more information: 561-5333 or [volunteer@presidiotrust.gov](mailto:volunteer@presidiotrust.gov).

### Presidio Forestry

First and second Fridays (9 AM—NOON)

Help the Presidio Trust take care of young trees in the Presidio's reforestation areas. Volunteers assist with maintenance of these areas through weeding, mulching, and other stewardship activities. Please join us for a fun and rewarding experience, and meet others, like you, who love the Presidio forest! For information: 561-5333 or [volunteer@presidiotrust.gov](mailto:volunteer@presidiotrust.gov).

### Presidio Native Plant Nursery

Wednesdays and Saturdays (1—4 PM)

This nursery grows more than 60,000 plants per year! Learn to grow and care for native plants by transplanting seedlings, pruning, composting, seed collecting, and outplanting. Appropriate for adults and youth ages 10 and up (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18). Meet at the nursery, which

is located at 1244 Appleton Street, San Francisco. For more information, call 561-4826 or visit [www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer](http://www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer).

### Presidio Garden Stewards

Third Thursdays (9 AM—NOON)

Help Presidio Trust gardeners maintain and enhance the Presidio's historic gardens and landscaped areas. Meet at Inspiration Point Overlook in the Presidio. For details, call 561-5333 or e-mail [volunteer@presidiotrust.gov](mailto:volunteer@presidiotrust.gov).

### Presidio Park Stewards

Sundays (10 AM—1 PM)

Help enhance rare native plant habitat and create wildlife corridors in the Presidio while learning about dune and serpentine systems and working in diverse habitats. Activi-

ties include invasive plant removal and native plant revegetation.

Appropriate for adults and youth ages 10 and up (chaperones suggested for youth under age 18). Meet at 8:50 AM at Presidio Transit Center, 215 Lincoln Blvd. Phone 561-3044 to RSVP; for information, visit [www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer](http://www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer).

### Presidio Plant Patrol

Fridays (1—4 PM)

Help eradicate noxious weeds that pose threats to the native biodiversity of Presidio plants and animals. Work sites are in many of the Presidio's out-of-the-way areas. Appropriate for adults and youth ages 10 and up (chaperones suggested for youth under age 18). Meet at 12:50 PM at Presidio Transit Center,

215 Lincoln Blvd. RSVP requested; please call 561-3044. More details at [www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer](http://www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer).

### Presidio Trail Crew

Second Tuesdays (10 AM—1 PM)

Help repair, maintain, and enhance trails, and protect sensitive natural habitat in the Presidio of San Francisco. Your stewardship will help create and maintain a world-class trail system for years to come!

Appropriate for adults and youth ages 15 and up. For information, call 561-5333, e-mail [volunteer@presidiotrust.gov](mailto:volunteer@presidiotrust.gov), or visit [www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer](http://www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer).

### The Last Gun

6/2, 6/3, 7/7, 7/8, 8/4, 8/5 (11 AM—3 PM)

How can a 50-ton gun simply disappear? Learn this and more while helping load and aim the last operational gun of its kind. Also, see photos of the century-old Endicott system batteries in action! In case of rain, call 561-4323 for schedule. Located at Battery Chamberlin, north end of Baker Beach parking lot.

Open 11 AM to 3 PM, first full week-end of each month.





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### Buffalo Soldiers: Gone but Not Forgotten!

6/17 (11 AM—NOON);  
6/23, 7/13, 7/28, 8/31 (2—3 PM)

Come and explore the story of the African American “Buffalo Soldiers,” including their challenges and triumphs during a time of overt racism and prejudice. Join Ranger Alejandra Iraheta for a stroll from the San Francisco National Cemetery to the Lombard Gate. Meet at the National Cemetery entrance gate at the corner of Lincoln Blvd. and Sheridan Ave. Space is limited, so reservations required. Please call 561-4323.

### Great Scott!

8/11 (1—2:30 PM)

Explore Fort Winfield Scott, once described as “the most beautifully located army post in the country,” on an easy 1.5-mile walk. Wear layered clothing. Meet Ranger Jose Roldan at Merchant Road parking near Golden Gate Bridge toll plaza and Battery Boutelle. Reservations required; phone 561-4323.

### Guns and Bridges

8/19 (1—3 PM)

A yellow-and-black-striped Golden Gate Bridge? This is what the Navy

proposed more than 75 years ago. There is a checkered past between the forces charged with protecting the gate and the Bridge itself. Hear stories and walk the batteries with Ranger James Osborne on a two-mile loop. Meet at Battery East Parking Lot on Lincoln Blvd near the Bridge Plaza. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

### Mountain Lake Walk: Back in Time

7/7 (2—3 PM)

Explore the Presidio like the Spanish did! Learn to identify plants, and find out how and why they grow at the lake. Dress in layers, and bring comfy shoes and your love of nature and storytelling. Meet at the Mountain Lake bathrooms off of Lake Street. Reservations required; please call 561-4323.

### National Cemetery Walk

6/9, 7/12, 7/28, 8/9, 8/25  
(10 AM—NOON)

Hear about Medal of Honor recipients, a Union spy, an Indian scout, Buffalo Soldiers, and others buried here. Dress warmly. This one-mile walk has a steep climb. Rain cancels. Meet docent Galen Dillman at the cemetery entrance gate, corner of Lincoln Blvd. and Sheridan Ave.

Reservations required; call 561-4323.


### Nature Stories Along the Ecology Trail

8/4 (2—3 PM)

It’s story time on the Ecology Trail with a ranger! Walk to Inspiration Point Overlook, explore the Presidio’s historic forest, and hear cultural tales about the plants and animals. Meet at the corner of Funston and Moraga Avenue in the Main Post. Reservations required; space is limited. Call 561-4323.

### Patriotism and Prejudice

6/10 (1—3 PM)

Seventy years ago, Japanese American soldiers completed training at the Presidio to defeat Japan, even as their families were moved to internment camps. Learn about this poignant irony on a half-mile walk. Meet Ranger James Osborne at the Presidio Transit Center, Lincoln Blvd. and Graham Street. Reservations required; call 561-4323. 

### Pedaling the Presidio

7/22 (1—3 PM)

Cycle through time and explore history and scenery on this six-mile, moderately strenuous bicycle ride through the Presidio. Helmet re-

### Presidio History Hike

6/16 (10 AM—NOON)

Join National Park Service Historian Stephen Haller as we walk the San Francisco Bay Trail and the California Coastal Trail to see the historic sea-coast fortifications that protected the greatest harbor on the West Coast from foreign fleets for one hundred years. Our hike will take us from Battery East to Battery Godfrey and we’ll take a peek inside some of the batteries along the way. We’ll also get a chance to see the new Golden Gate Overlook and other recent work along the Coastal Trail.

Free. **Required registration deadline: June 7.**

### Presidio Nature Trail Hike

8/18 (10 AM—NOON)

Join Presidio Trust Education & Volunteer Manager Damien Raffa for an easy walk on trails of the Presidio to explore native plants and animals. We will also visit El Polín Spring, where Presidio Trust archaeologist Kari Jones will talk about the history and revitalization of this special site. Get a glimpse of San Francisco as it was—before a city grew here!

Free. **Required registration deadline: August 10.**

To register for these members’ hikes, or to become a Parks Conservancy member, call 561-3060 or e-mail [membership@parksconservancy.org](mailto:membership@parksconservancy.org).

quired. Meet Ranger James Osborne in front of the Beach Hut cafe, located on Crissy Field East Beach. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

### Presidio Birdlife

8/4 (9:30—11:30 AM)

See and learn about the diverse Presidio birdlife on a moderate one-mile walk. Meet Ranger Will Elder in


front of the Beach Hut located on East Beach on Crissy Field. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

### Shuttle Through Time

6/8, 6/22, 6/24, 7/15, 7/27, 8/17,  
8/24, 8/26 (1:45—2:45 PM)

Take the PresidiGo shuttle and travel through time as you hear stories spanning the centuries. Meet

# PARK EVENTS

Ranger Jose Roldan at the Presidio Transit Center, corner of Graham Street and Lincoln Blvd. 


### Summer Solstice Evening Walk

6/22 (6:30—8:30 PM)

What is the Summer Solstice? Come and find out on this family-friendly evening walk that starts at Fort Scott and ends at Immigrant Point Overlook. You’ll hear stories from many cultures about the significance of the longest day of the year. Meet at the Log Cabin off of Story Road. Reservations required as space is limited; call 561-4323.

### The Dangers of Bridging the Golden Gate

7/6 (NOON—12:30 PM)

Find out the dangers that bridge engineers had to design for—above and below the sea. Meet Ranger Will Elder at the Battery Godfrey parking area off of Langdon Court near Merchant Rd. and Lincoln Blvd. Reservations required; call 561-4323. 

### The Presidio from Gold Rush to the Civil War

6/16 (1—3 PM)

Erasmus Keyes, Henry Halleck, William Tecumseh Sherman, and

Eadweard Muybridge all played prominent roles in the pivotal era from the Gold Rush to the Civil War. Hear their stories and more. Meet docent Bob Bowen at the Main Post flag pole, near the corner of Moraga Avenue and Graham Street in the Presidio. Reservations required; phone 561-4323.

### The Presidio Rocks

6/30 (10 AM—12:30 PM)

Learn the 160 million year story that underlies the Presidio on this two-mile moderately strenuous walk. Wear comfortable walking shoes and a coat. Meet Ranger Will Elder at Merchant Road parking near the Golden Gate Bridge toll plaza and Battery Boutelle. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

### What If There Weren’t Any Trees?


6/23 (11 AM—12:30 PM)

Imagine the Presidio without any trees! Get to know the various trees that shape the Presidio—and find out how they got here—on a short hike along the Ecology Trail. For all ages. Meet Ranger Mariajose Alcantara at the Main Post flag pole, near the corner of Moraga Avenue and Graham Street. Reservations required;

please call 561-4323.

### Three Flags of the Presidio

6/16, 7/21 (11 AM—NOON)

Take a short walk and hear stories of the Presidio while under the flags of Spain, Mexico, and the United States. Meet Ranger Jose Roldan at the Presidio Transit Center, corner of Graham Street and Lincoln Blvd. 

### Where’s the Brr-brr-Bridge?

8/18 (1—2:30 PM)

Thousands come to see the world-famous Golden Gate Bridge, yet many don’t find it through all the fog. Take your chances and join Ranger Mariajose Alcantara on a walk to find the Golden Gate Bridge. Dress in layers! Meet in front of the Warming Hut at the west end of Mason Street. Reservations required; please call 561-4323.

## RANCHO CORRAL DE TIERRA

### Ride on Through to the Other Side

6/17, 7/15, 8/19 (10 AM—12:30 PM)

Join legendary mountain biker-turned-instructor Jim Sullivan on a moderate, 11-mile ride from Pacifica to Rancho Corral de Tierra and back.

You’ll learn mountain bike techniques and see how Rancho connects to other open space. Directions: From Highway 1, turn east onto Linda Mar Boulevard in Pacifica. Turn right onto Peralta, following it to Rosita. Turn left on Rosita and park in front of Linda Mar School playground. Maximum of 15. Reservations required as event details may change; phone 561-4323.

## SWEENEY RIDGE

### The Russians Are Coming!

6/10, 8/19 (NOON—3 PM)

How did fear of the Russians shape Sweeney Ridge? Find out as you hike to one of the *Chronicle’s* Top 10 Hikes.



## SAN MATEO COUNTY

### 360 Degrees of Pacifica

7/18 (9:30 AM—3 PM)

Tour three national park sites in San Mateo County! Join Ranger George Durgerian on a 6.5 mile, strenuous hike to Milagra Ridge, Sweeney Ridge, and Mori Point. Hear stories of bombs, bootlegging, bedeviled bulldozers, and more. We’ll meet at the Salada Beach Café in Pacifica. Bring water, lunch, and good shoes.

Free. **Required registration deadline: July 11.**

To register for this hike or to become a Conservancy member, call 561-3060 or e-mail [membership@parksconservancy.org](mailto:membership@parksconservancy.org).

Nike missile veteran David Bridgman will show you how Russia indirectly changed the course of these parklands. The moderately strenuous hike starts at the west end of Sneath Lane in San Bruno; from Skyline Blvd., turn west and continue to the trailhead. Leashed pets welcome. Reservations requested; phone (415) 561-4323.

# PARK PARTNERS



## GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL PARKS CONSERVANCY

### PARKS FOR ALL FOREVER™

The Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy is the nonprofit membership organization created to preserve the Golden Gate National Parks, enhance the experiences of park visitors, and build a community dedicated to conserving the parks for the future.

We seek private contributions to augment federal funds for the parks and work in collaboration with the National Park Service and the Presidio Trust to improve park sites, enlist volunteers in restoration projects, provide services and education programs for visitors and local communities, and engage diverse audiences in the national parks at the Golden Gate. To learn more about the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, visit our website, [www.parksconservancy.org](http://www.parksconservancy.org), or phone (415) 561-3000.



## THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

The National Park Service (NPS) manages the Golden Gate National Parks, as well as 396 other park units across the United States. Established in 1916, the mission of the NPS is to conserve the scenery, natural and historic resources, and wildlife within these parklands and to provide for their enjoyment by future generations. For more information, visit [www.nps.gov/goga](http://www.nps.gov/goga), or phone (415) 561-4700.



## THE PRESIDIO TRUST

Responsible for the transformation of the Presidio from an historic Army post into a premier national park that is financially self-sustaining, the Trust is leading the nation's largest historic preservation project, restoring the park's buildings and landscapes, and creating innovative programs. For more information, visit [www.presidio.gov](http://www.presidio.gov), or call (415) 561-5300.

### Sign up for Park E-ventures updates

Subscribe to our newly improved and redesigned monthly e-mail newsletter and be the first to find out about upcoming events, new items in our park stores, volunteer opportunities, and more. Your e-mail address will not be shared with other organizations, and you can easily unsubscribe at any time.

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### Come Join Us!

When you join the Parks Conservancy, you'll be able to take advantage of our unique events and activities just for members and you'll be supporting your Golden Gate National Parks! Your tax-deductible gift will help us protect endangered species and their habitats, preserve landmarks, improve trails, enhance visitor amenities, develop education programs, and more. As a Parks Conservancy member, you'll enjoy special benefits and discover the best the parks have to offer!

There are three easy ways to join:

Phone: (415) 561-3060

E-mail: [membership@parksconservancy.org](mailto:membership@parksconservancy.org)

Online: [www.parksconservancy.org/membership](http://www.parksconservancy.org/membership)

# WEEKLY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

PROGRAM	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<b>Beaches: Cleanups &amp; Maintenance</b>							
<b>Ocean Beach Cleanup</b>						10 AM–NOON (3RD SAT)	
<b>Habitats: Restore &amp; Monitor Critical Habitat</b>							
<b>Marin Programs</b>			10 AM–2:30 PM & 1–4 PM			10 AM–1 PM	9:30 AM–2:30 PM
<b>San Francisco Programs</b>			9 AM–NOON	1–4 PM	1–4 PM	9 AM–NOON & 1–4 PM	10 AM–1 PM
<b>San Mateo Programs</b>						10 AM–1 PM	
<b>Landscapes &amp; Historic Sites: Groundskeeping &amp; Site Restoration</b>							
<b>Alcatraz Gardens*</b>			8:30 AM–12:30 PM		8:30 AM–12:30 PM		
<b>GOGA Maintenance / San Francisco Shoreline</b>		9 AM–NOON	9 AM–NOON	9 AM–NOON	9 AM–NOON	9 AM–NOON	
<b>Presidio Campground Stewards</b>		10 AM–1 PM (1ST TUES)					
<b>Presidio Forestry</b>					9 AM–NOON (1ST & 2ND FRI)		
<b>Presidio Garden Stewards</b>				9 AM–NOON (3RD THURS)			
<b>Plant Nurseries: Grow &amp; Care for Plants</b>							
<b>Fort Funston Nursery</b>						9:30 AM–12:30 PM	
<b>Marin Headlands Nursery</b>			1–4 PM			9 AM–NOON	
<b>Presidio Nursery</b>			1–4 PM			1–4 PM	
<b>Redwood Creek Nursery</b>			10 AM–1 PM				
<b>Tennessee Valley Nursery</b>		10 AM–NOON & 1–4 PM					
<b>Trails: Repair, Construct, &amp; Monitor Trails</b>							
<b>Golden Gate Trail Crew (Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo)</b>						9 AM–NOON (3RD SAT, APR–OCT)	
<b>Presidio Trust Trail Crew</b>		10 AM–1 PM (2ND TUES)					

## SUMMERTIME IS TIME TO GIVE BACK TO OUR PARKS

Here in the Golden Gate National Parks, there's no such thing as a lazy summer day. We're always working to restore habitat, improve trails, grow native plants, clean beaches, and more. And we need your help!

Many of our weekly volunteer programs are drop-in opportunities, so it's easy to get started. To learn about programs listed to the left, see the site-specific pages of this book, or visit [www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer](http://www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer). Though most opportunities are drop-in, we recommend phoning ahead, as meeting locations, times, and projects may vary. For information, call (415) 561-3044, or e-mail [volunteer@parksconservancy.org](mailto:volunteer@parksconservancy.org).

Tools and training are provided and no regular time commitment is required. Please wear closed-toe shoes, dress in layers (in clothes that you won't mind getting dirty), and bring water and a lunch or snack.

Volunteer programs are a cooperative, parkwide effort of the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, the National Park Service, and the Presidio Trust.

### \* Registration required

For registration and more information, call (415) 561-3044 or e-mail [volunteer@parksconservancy.org](mailto:volunteer@parksconservancy.org).



# GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL PARKS

The Golden Gate National Recreation Area (commonly known as the Golden Gate National Parks) extends 80 miles north and south of the Golden Gate, creating a vast greenbelt along the Pacific Ocean. Within its boundaries are ancient redwoods, historic landmarks, miles of hiking trails, rocky shorelines, rare and endangered species, lush coastal wilderness, and breathtaking vistas. Take an hour, an afternoon, a day, or more and discover the national parks at our doorstep.

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police/Fire/Ambulance..... 911

## PARK VISITOR CENTERS, BOOKSTORES, AND CAFÉS

Alcatraz Island Bookstores..... (415) 561-4922  
Alcatraz Ranger Station ..... (415) 561-4900  
Beach Hut at Crissy Field Center.. (415) 561-7761  
Crissy Field Warming Hut  
Bookstore and Café ..... (415) 561-3040  
Fort Mason/Park Hdqrs. .... (M–F)(415) 561-4700  
..... TDD/V (415) 556-2766  
Fort Point Visitor Center (Fri–Sun). (415) 556-1693  
..... TDD (415) 561-4399  
Lands End Lookout Visitor Center . (415) 426-5240  
Marin Headlands Visitor Center... (415) 331-1540  
Muir Woods Visitor Center ..... (415) 388-2596  
Muir Woods Nature Hotline ..... (415) 388-2595  
National Park Store at Pier 39 .... (415) 433-7221  
Presidio Visitor Center..... (415) 561-4323  
..... TTY (415) 561-4314

## ADDITIONAL HELPFUL NUMBERS

Alcatraz Night Tour ..... (415) 561-4926  
Alcatraz Program Information ... (415) 561-4900  
Crissy Field Center ..... (415) 561-7690  
Fort Mason Center Info Line ..... (415) 345-7544  
Golden Gate Club ..... (415) 561-2582  
Beach Chalet Visitor Center,  
Golden Gate Park ..... (415) 751-2766  
Habitat Restoration Team ..... (415) 289-1861  
Historic Nike Missile Site ..... (415) 331-1453  
Native Plant Nurseries  
Fort Funston ..... (415) 652-2373  
Marin Headlands ..... (415) 332-5193  
Muir Woods (Redwood Creek) (415) 383-4390  
Presidio ..... (415) 561-4826  
Tennessee Valley ..... (415) 289-1860  
Pacifica Visitor Center ..... (650) 355-4122  
Point Reyes National Seashore .. (415) 464-5100  
Presidio Park Stewards ..... (415) 561-3044  
San Francisco Maritime  
National Historical Park Museum . (415) 561-7100  
Park Stewardship Program ..... (415) 561-3073  
Stinson Beach Weather ..... (415) 868-1922  
Volunteer Information ..... (415) 561-4755  
..... (415) 561-3077

Please call (415) 561-4700 (M–F)  
for information about park sites  
not listed on this page.

## NATIONAL PARKS ON THE INTERNET

### GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

[www.nps.gov/goga](http://www.nps.gov/goga)

**ALCATRAZ** [www.nps.gov/alcatraz](http://www.nps.gov/alcatraz)

**FORT POINT** [www.nps.gov/fopo](http://www.nps.gov/fopo)

**MUIR WOODS** [www.nps.gov/muwo](http://www.nps.gov/muwo)

**PRESIDIO** [www.nps.gov/prsf](http://www.nps.gov/prsf)

## RELATED WEB SITES

**CRISSY FIELD CENTER** [www.crissyfieldcenter.org](http://www.crissyfieldcenter.org)

**FORT MASON CENTER** [www.fortmason.org](http://www.fortmason.org)

**GOLDEN GATE CLUB** [www.presidio.gov](http://www.presidio.gov)

**GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL PARKS VOLUNTEER SITE**

[www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer](http://www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer)

**GOLDEN GATE RAPTOR OBSERVATORY**

[www.ggro.org](http://www.ggro.org)

**GULF OF THE FARALLONES NATIONAL**

**MARINE SANCTUARY** [www.farallones.org](http://www.farallones.org)

**HISTORIC NIKE MISSILE SITE**

[www.nps.gov/goga/nike-missile-site.htm](http://www.nps.gov/goga/nike-missile-site.htm)

**NATIONAL PARK SITE** [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov)

**PRESIDIO TRUST** [www.presidio.gov](http://www.presidio.gov)

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**HISTORICAL PARK** [www.nps.gov/safr](http://www.nps.gov/safr)

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